

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by Haavisto (U.S. Patent No. 5,864,603). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Haavisto discloses a device for controlling a telephone, such as a mobile telephone use in a cellular network. In this regard, the Examiner comments that Haavisto discloses a speech recognition device that is switched, with the aid of control commands, into specific operating states in order to recognize individual letters, combination of letters and/or control commands, referring to col. 3, lines 45-56 of Haavisto. This section of Haavisto discloses the use of a "check command" delivered by the user to the telephone device "and as a response to said check command said control unit compares the character sequences provided by the user to corresponding character séances stored in said storage means and selects for telephone connection set-up that character sequence among the compared character sequence store in said storage means which best matches said character sequence provided by the user." This passage clearly demonstrates the difference between the claimed invention (as amended) and the Haavisto reference.

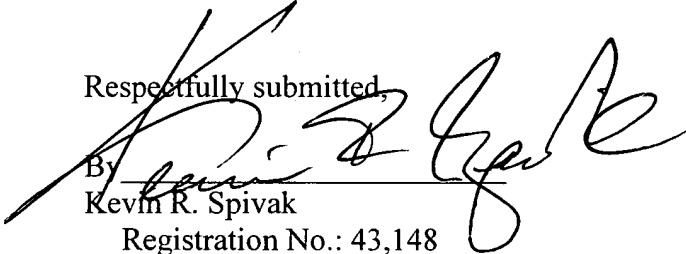
Specifically, in Haavisto, the control command enables a telephone connection set-up to be established as a result of comparing the character sequence provided by the user with a character sequence stored in memory. In the claimed invention, on the other hand, the control command enables the system to go into a specific operating state such that individual letters, combinations of letters or control commands can be recognized. Pages 6 and 7 of the original English translation illustrate such an example.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 449122005700. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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